

Bullets Issue Challenge to Devils

Challenging statements made by Torrance Red Devil backers in Thursday's Herald, Torrance Bullet boss Bob Prior has stepped forward and claimed his team is the best in the South Bay Connie Mack League.

Prior questioned, "How can one manager in the league claim he has the cream of the Southland crop?" Answering his own question, Prior said, "Bo Palica must be talking about the milk, because we have 80 per cent of the cream of the crop."

"My prediction, with one of the fastest leagues in Southern California, is that the race will go right down to the wire," Prior commented.

Champions of the Los Angeles County Winter Baseball League, the Bullets have added some more top players and Prior claims the club is as strong as any in the circuit.

The Bullets will field a weighty mound staff, anchored by former North High hurlers. Starting for Torrance will be Jon Beck, a member of the Dodger Rookies and an All-Metropolitan Conference selection for El Camino the past season.

Joining the list of former Saxons on the mound will be Jay Baker and Jim Jensen while Larry Bradshaw, an All-City chucker from Gardena High, will round out the starters.

If the Bullets have trouble with starters, they can count on West High sophomore John Marsden, who hurled two one-hitters and a pair of two-hitters for the Warriors the past year. Also available will be All-Bay League pitcher and utility man Bill Graves from Redondo.

In the catching department, Torrance will boast the services of Steve Sogge from Gardena High, George Carr of Loyola University, and Mike Brooks from North High.

The Bullets will count on Marsden to also fill an infield spot, and he has the qualifications—All-Bay League third baseman while a freshman at North High.

Another former Saxon, John Treece, will be expected to play a big role. Treece, playing for this year's CIF runners-up Western High in Anaheim, led his club in hitting with a .415 average and earned first string Sunset League plaudits.

Rounding out the infield will be Gardena's Jack Crist with backing from former North star Bob Treva-than, who is now playing for California Lutheran College.

Prior praised the Bullets' depth and feels with luck they can come down the stretch with any of the other clubs.

Lending the depth will be Marty Morris, Loyola

High; Butch Nickoloff, North High; Rudy Perez, Gardena High; Les Dutcher, Narbonne High; Derry Deravin, Sierra High; and a dark horse just moved to Torrance, Tony Crosser.

The Bullets will battle the Santa Ana Angels tonight at 8 p.m. in Santa Ana's Memorial Stadium. The Red Devils had a game scheduled with the Bullets, but it was put off until the end of the season because of baccalaureate practice. The Bullet-Santa Ana tilt will be a practice fray.

Next Saturday, the Bullets will engage Hawthorne at Torrance Park while the Red Devils will be up against two-time league champion Culver City.

Noting that many games the Bullets and Red Devils play will be at night, Prior praised the efforts of the Torrance Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem and Traffic Engineer Jim Whitner in obtaining lights for Torrance Park.

The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

Is it more ethical to dope a horse to win, or to dope a horse to lose?

This gory proposition was mooted seriously, along with other aspects of the doping problem—for human athletes as well as animals, at a recent London conference of legal medicine experts.

The discussion was, of course, largely academic for the United States, on account we're honorable in this country and never dope anything. Man or beast.

In passing, the delegates revealed a brilliant new technique for finding out whether a horse has been doped.

It's a method of administering drops to mice which makes their tails form an "S" curve over their backs.

One delegate told how a mobile laboratory—complete with mice—had been set up at a track "where it was normal for nine out of 10 horses to be doped."

Probably due to the visible presence of the lab, and the possibility of those "S" curves chowing up en masse in the mice, the track got honest overnight. The incidence of doped horses dropped to one in 10.

Mr. F. F. Cann, chief chemist of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Birmingham, said his experience showed him widespread use of barbiturates to slow down greyhounds. Quinine had also been used for this purpose, and he had heard of a case of cortison being used as a stimulant.

An American delegate tried to be helpful by recalling the case of a track in this country where four greyhounds fell asleep during the weigh-in. He didn't name the track.

"I've doped a greyhound myself," said Dr. G. W. Pennington, head of the pharmacology department, Trinity College, Dublin. He gave the dog an amphetamine tablet (pep pill, bennie) and found that the hound could gain two or three yards in a 525-yard track.

The Irishman said dopers have been using increasingly sophisticated and harder-to-detect drugs in recent years.

As to whether more horses are doped to win or to lose, the authority seems to be one Dr. M. S. Moss, of the Animal Health Trust forensic laboratory at Newmarket.

"The criminal element," he reported, "must have come to the conclusion that certain drugs were more effective."

The good doctor added that he had found traces of 40 different sedatives in horses and greyhounds. And concluded that "stoppers were more popular than stimulants."

I cannot say this conclusion came to me with the shock of revealed truth. Trainers and others dope race horses for the same reason butchers stick their thumbs on the scales. They figure everybody else in the racket is doing the same.

If you are interested in a sure thing—and who ain't—then obviously it makes more sense to dope to lose than to win.

For if every trainer in a given race gave his nag a benny, the whole fun would be taken out of things. We would be back where we started, with virtually honest racing. Since none of the horses would have any special competitive advantage.

I should not be at all surprised, human nature being what it is, it should be discovered there are times when a horse has been doped to win by his owner and doped to lose by some designing outsider. Clearly, this could be confusing. Certainly to the horse.

It might be a good thing to go back to honesty, as the most uncomplicated system of all. Otherwise us here suckers may get the idea that gambling is a complicated folly, or something. Or that improving the breed is the purpose of race tracks.

Honestly admittedly is a last resort. But, as someone once said, desperate conditions require desperate remedies.

Phillies Keep National Lead

Remaining atop the Torrance National Little League standings, the Phillies took a 3-2 triumph from the Angels to boost their league record to 6-1 and remain one game ahead of the second-place Cardinals.

In a tremendous pitching battle, Craig Preston bettered Chuck O'Brien as the Phils pulled the contest out with two runs in the final stanza.

Preston allowed five hits, three walks and whiffed 11 men while O'Brien struck out

nine, gave up two hits and one free pass.

LL Hurler Achieves 'Perfecto'

Memorial Day 1963 is a day long to be remembered by 12-year-old Gregory Pischel.

Greg is a pitcher for the Dodgers in the North Torrance Little League East.

On this day Greg pitched a "Perfect Game." He struck out 16 batters. Only 2 batters hit to the infield and both were thrown out at first base. The first ball hit to the infield was a tap back to Pischel. The other was a hard-hit ball hit deep in the hole. The short-stop made a brilliant play on it, throwing the boy out.

At no time did Greg have a 3 and 2 count on any batter. In the full 6 innings he threw only 12 balls, the rest were strikes.

In the nine years of organized Little League baseball in North Torrance, this is the first perfect game ever pitched. In the major leagues there have been only six. The last perfecto was pitched by Don Larson of the New York Yankees in the World Series.

SLO-PITCH RESULTS

TUESDAY LEAGUE
Unproducible 10, Warriors 2
Fire Fighters 11, 2, King Pipe 1
Mobil #1 3, Touchables 2

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE
Fire Fighters "A" 7, Computer Science Corp. 4
Falcons 6, Rose Bud Dairy 5
Mobil #2 3, Edison Co. 9

THURSDAY LEAGUE
St. Johns 9, St. Lawrence 5
Torrance Kiwanis 12, South Torrance Lions Club 1
Redondo Angels 4, Torrance Lions Club 2

EL NIDO LEAGUE
South Bay Church of God 6, Throwaways 5
Park Dept. 9, King's Men 3
Torrance Optimist Club 10, Los Carrools 5

OPEN SOFTBALL
Aerona Mfg. Co. 2, Magnavox 1
Torrance Douglas 7, Local #1547 0

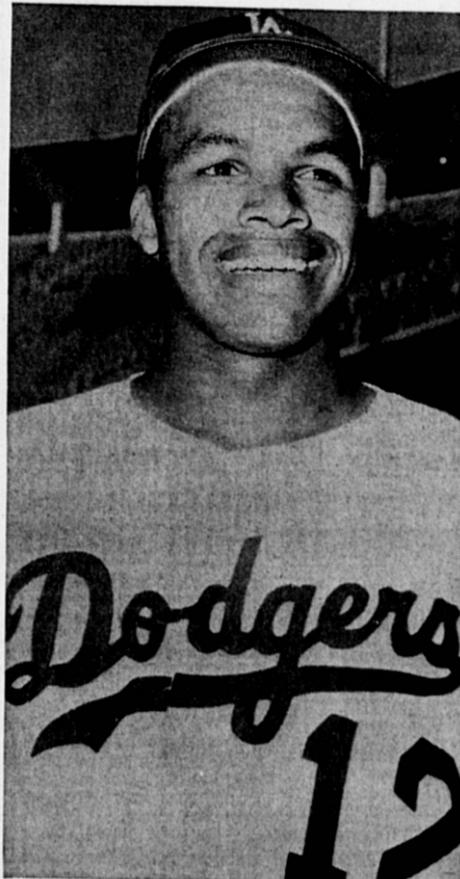
INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL
South Bay Church of God 2, Harvey Aluminum 1
Harbor Hornets 9, Vickers 6
Soule Steel over Mobil Oilers (forfeit)
AllResearch 3, R. C. Mahon 1



WHAT A JOB . . . Typical of the action at the American Legion Fireworks spectacular on July 4 is this shocker dubbed by the experts, "The T-Bone Crash." A stunt man races a car up a ramp, flies through the air and smashes at a right angle into parked cars, subsequently flipping end-over-end and landing upside down.

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COMING TO TOWN . . . Dodger outfielder Tommy Davis will join teammates Bill Skowron and Frank Howard in a personal appearance at the Broadway Del Amo on Thursday. Sportscaster Chuck Bennett, host of the Dodger's pre-game "Batter Up," will emcee the hour-long event in which the players will give individual interviews and distribute autographed pictures. The appearance will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the men's sportswear department.

Area Trio To Enter Boat Race

Three Torrance drivers have submitted entries for the Los Angeles Boat and Ski Club's 5th annual Regatta of Champions on June 15 and 16 at Marine Stadium in Long Beach.

Dick Young, 4815 Darien; Jim Kelly, 21306 Anza; and Clem McCullah, 4809 Moresby Dr., will compete in the featured Regatta event, the SK inboard boat race.

Each has been driving for five years and all three pilots have picked up trophies in hot boat races. They will face competition from the top SK drivers in the country, including favorite Ed Olsen of Garden Grove, an eight-time national champion.

ALSO ENTERED will be current national champ Don Towle of Culver City and world record-holder Lon Skinner of Medford, Ore.

Two world water ski record holders will defend their titles at the Regatta.

Butch Peterson of Altadena, with a 106 mph record, faces a torrid duel with another top water ski racer, Rick Fowler of Gardena, while Jame Mobbey Welsh, also of Gardena, will defend her 86 mph record in what is expected to be a tense race with Shirley Freek of Fullerton.

A special attraction will be the Mexican kite flier, Nico Saad, who has flown as high as 100 feet with his homemade kite.

QUALIFYING for all events will be held on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m.

Tordondo Yanks Nab Two Wins

Off to a fast start in the second round of Tordondo Little League action, the Yankees gathered two wins the past week, including one triumph over the winners of the first half.

Dean Gibson sent 12 Tigers down swinging as the Yanks took a 3-0 triumph over the first half champs. After tallying an unearned run in the first frame, the Yankees cinched the contest in the third when Alan Marshall drove a pair of runs across with a triple.

Bruce MacEachern threw for the Tigers and only gave up three hits, as did Gibson, and struck out 11 opponents.

THE HOT BAT of Gibson plus two double plays and the mound work of Don Shockley pushed the Yankees to a 7-1 victory over the Senators. Gibson bashed a single, double and home run to account for five tallies.

In a Minor League upset, the Beavers edged the high-flying Red Sox, 2-1. Tom Reece allowed only two hits while catcher Jim Pierson made three putouts at the plate. Bill Kalvin belted a game-winning triple for the Beavers.

CATCHER MIKE DeGrott smashed a single and a double and blocked two attempted steals of home plate to pace the Phillies in a 7-4 win over the Athletics.

Tom Leavitt hurled the first four innings for the Phils and then made way for Luis Sanchez, who went the rest of the route.

GLEN PALMER put on a big show with the bat as well as on the mound as he guided the Cards to an 8-4 win over the Pirates. Palmer allowed only one hit, whiffed 14 and went four for four at the plate with two singles and a pair of doubles.

The Stars picked up another win, knocking off the Giants. Ed Miller took the mound win and catcher Dan Russell went two for two. Jon Gromberg doubled for the Stars.

CIF Baseball Picks Reveal Four Prime Local Players

Baseball teams from the four Torrance high schools were up against top individual competition the past year, according to the CIF teams released the past week.

Torrance and West faced the top individual player in class AA competition, according to the CIF, as Aviation's top pitcher, Jim Lloyd, gained Player-of-the-Year honors.

The 6-foot 2-inch 190-pound right hander collected a 10-0 season record and led Aviation to the AA division championship. Lloyd pitched 60 innings during the year, allowing 37 hits and six earned runs for a .90 earned run average. He whiffed 86 batsmen and walked but 19.

IN 18 INNINGS of playoff action, Lloyd gave up only seven hits, fanned 29 and allowed one earned run. The Falcons took the crown by beating San Luis Obispo, 4-1; Cantwell, 11-3; and Upland, 7-2.

Falcon outfielder Joe Burton joined Lloyd on the first

string. Burton, a 6-foot, 180-pound terror for Aviation, batted .316 in 21 games this year for the Pioneer League kings.

NORTH AND SOUTH also had their troubles as demonstrated by the fact that Bay

League champion Hawthorne placed three men on the AAA division team.

Cougar catcher Gary Mykkanen hit .347 in 23 games the past season.

Hawthorne third baseman Phil Becholdt and pitcher Ty

Goodman were named to the third string. Becholdt, a 5-foot, 1-inch senior, swatted the horsehide at a 4.05 clip in 23 contests. Goodman, a 6-foot, 1-inch, 175-pound senior won nine games and lost only one while compiling a 1.90 ERA.

Tappa Keg Domination Ends Over Opposition

Everything must come to an end sooner or later and the Tappa Kegs strangle hold on the West Coast Slo-Pitch League has ceased to exist.

With the results of Friday night's contests, the Los Angeles Old Timers finished in first place at the end of the first round of play, while the once-vaunted Kegs could manage no better than a tie for second.

Splitting their final two games of the first round, the Kegs ended in a second-place tie with Manhattan Beach. El Segundo was third with Gar-

dena, Redondo, and Santa Ana trailing.

TORRANCE WON the opening game Friday against El Segundo, earning a 6-5 victory mainly on the basis of Gib Mat-

thew's three-run homer. Mick Ryan helped spice the Keg attack by going four for four.

Rick Ryan grabbed the mound triumph, and although he allowed 10 bingles, the Kegs pulled him out of danger with two double plays.

IN THE second contest, the Kegs rapped out eight hits

with Ray Magnante going three for four, collecting two runs-batted-in, and smashing a double, but El Segundo managed a 6-4 decision.

Matthews continued his hot streak by connecting for a double.

The second round of action will open for the Kegs this Friday as Gardena offers the opposition. It was Gardena who started the Torrance club off on the wrong foot in the first round by taking both ends of a doubleheader in the initial two tilts of the season.

Torrance Realtor Hits Hole-in-One

Charles J. Pecora, head of Progress Realty, 26314 S. Western Ave., dropped in a hole-in-one the past week at the Hacienda Golf Course.

Pecora, who skipped playing golf for a period of nine years,

came back with a bang as he dropped in his perfect shot on the 155-yard third hole.

The realtor, a member of four local realty boards, received a certificate for his once-in-a-lifetime surprise.